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Subject: Re: Learning The Ropes

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Tracy Island, 10.00 am. Saturday March 3rd 2068

Kat was leaning over the outboard motor of the small boat. Brains had left her to try and get the revs right. So far things were not going very well. She struggled to keep her balance as she reached far inside the engine. Brushing her hair back from her face, she passed some of the oil from her hand to her face.

She was so immersed in her work that she didn't hear the light footsteps come into the boat pen.

"Brains said you would be here." John's amused voice rang out in the silence.

Kat nearly knocked herself out as she jumped at the sudden voice. She turned to face him.

"Gosh, you made me jump! I have been left with a slight problem which is difficult to assess at the moment." She flicked more hair from her face and transferred more oil to her cheek.

"Sorry for startling you. How about having a break for a moment?" John said, pulling up and turning over a wooden box and sitting on it.

Kat wiped her oily hands on an equally oily rag and sat on a box beside him.

"How's Mr Tracy?" she asked.

"Slightly better. In fact, he's finished with surgery and is now in a regular room"

"Oh, that's good news," Kat replied. "It will be so nice once he is back here on Tracy Island."

John smiled. "It will, but there is still a lot to do. We have to make sure that all the new recruits are trained fully in all aspect of Thunderbirds and rescues."

"Really? I shall be trained to go on rescues?"

"Possibly. Even if you are not actually involved in a rescue, we may need to ask your advice at times. Better you be trained to deal with whatever comes, I suppose, just like Brains and Tin-Tin. In any case, you will be an invaluable member here back on Tracy Island. Now," said John, "for the real purpose of my visit to you. I am due to leave for Thunderbird 5 shortly along with Callie to give her some training for a month. When I come back, I intend to honour my promise and take you on the roof to show you the stars and constellations, if you still want to."

"Oh, John, yes please, I would love to learn all about the stars and constellations."

"I hear you are settling in very well. In fact, from what Brains tells me, you even corrected him when he was wrong."

Kat blushed, "Well, I wasn't quite sure whether to agree with him or not, but I just couldn't let him go on thinking he was right. As it turned out, he was just testing me. I shall have to get my own back on him."

Kat remembered that Brains had said that he and John were friends from college days. "I suppose you and Brains talk a lot. I shall have to be careful what I say."

"How else do you think I know what's going on when I am up in Thunderbird 5?" John laughed. I like to know how everyone is down here, while I am up in space." He got up off his box, "Well, I must be off. I have to get ready to leave, and make sure that Callie is ready as well. I just wanted to let you know that I'll be away from now for a month, but when I come back we will visit the roof."

"Thanks, John. See you when you return."

"Yes. Oh, and if ever you want to talk to me it's allowed, you know."

"Thanks. I'll remember that, if I ever get the time."

And with that he left her sitting on the box, thinking what a good friend he would be.

Post by Tawnyangel22 on 23/07/2004

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